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October Meeting

Saturday October 14, 2006

At the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center

10:00 am to 4:00 pm



As our membership meeting for this month, please show your support and attend the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center's Exhibit opening of "*Florida's Lost Tribes*". This exhibit will feature artwork by Theodore Morris. This will be an all-day celebration so plan on attending and meeting this well-known Florida artist. Details can be found on the next page.

New Weedon Island Exhibit of Theodore Morris' Paintings Opening



The Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center exhibit entitled *Florida's Lost Tribes* by Theodore Morris will be opening Saturday **October 14th, 2006**, and run from 10:00am to 4 pm. The exhibit will be there until **November 26, 2006**.

Plan on attending this all-day celebration of Native American culture culminating in the opening of a special exhibit by **Theodore Morris**. Florida's original inhabitants come alive through the original oil paintings by the artist, who bases his portraits on the latest archaeological and anthropological evidence. All ages are welcome for this and other celebrations of Native American culture.

The following is a schedule of planned events for opening day:

10am–4pm “Living History” Presentation

– Immerse yourself in this re-enactment of an authentic Indian village artfully created by **Andrea Kerlinger**, Geneva, Florida.

12pm-4pm Native American Flute Playing

- Gather around as St. Petersburg's own **Phil Penne** creates a spiritual bond with nature through the magical music of the flute.

12pm–4pm Native American Storytelling –

Learn how our early ancestors linked animals and the forces of nature together through captivating stories told by St. Petersburg resident **Yona Galohisdi**.

2pm–4pm *Artist Documentary and Meet the Artist* - Learn more about the original people of Florida through the 30-minute video presentation *Shadows and Reflections*. This award winning video documents the work of **Theodore Morris**' work and was directed by **Dr. Brent Weisman**, Graduate Associate Dean of the University of South Florida. A discussion session will follow with the artist signing his book and autographing prints available in the gift shop.

Theodore Morris' original works plus prints, note cards, his book *Florida's Lost Tribes*, and other items will be available for purchase through the Center's gift shop. Award winning Native American artist, Dolores Purdy Corcoran, has created special masks from shells for the exhibit opening. These creations are an artistic expression of the ancient masks of the original people of Florida. Her work is also available for purchase through the Center Gift Shop.

Sponsors of this event are Pinellas County Environmental Management, Friends of Weedon Island, and Progress Energy.

For more information, please call (727) 453-6500 or you can also visit www.pinellascounty.org/environment. The Center is open to the public Wednesday-Sunday, 10:00am – 4 pm.

Mark Your Calendar

Dr. Robin Brown will be at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center on March 10th. Details will be announced in a later newsletter. Dr. Brown is the author of “Florida's First People” and “Crafts of Florida's First People”.

This will be during Florida Archaeology Month 2007 and will be an excellent chance to meet the author of these popular books on Florida's past.

Next Board Meeting

The board will meet this month on Thursday October 19th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

Newsletter by Email

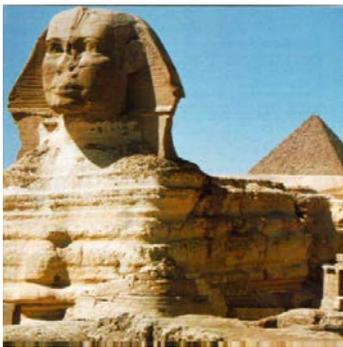
To save on the constantly rising costs of printing and mailing, we are again asking members if they would like to receive this newsletter by email. Many of you have already responded to this request and are on the email list. If you would like to be added to this list, contact me at daveburns@prodigy.net and I'll be glad to do it.

Best wishes to Pete Peterson

Pete fell seriously ill during a recent trip. He is home recovering and we wish him and his wife Shirley well and hope for a speedy recovery.

Pete has been a regular contributor of articles to this newsletter and we look forward to hearing from him again. I'm sure he would like to hear from you. So, drop him a line at HWPete76@aol.com.

Dream Trip of a Lifetime



Jim and Elaine Bardsley recently returned from one of the best trips they have ever taken. Their trip to Egypt was Jim's dream trip come true. He has always been fascinated, enthralled and obsessed with any show on Ancient Egypt and the Nile, so they went to see it in person.

Their trip began on Saturday, August 19, 2006 when they depart Tampa and flew Egypt Air arriving the next day.

During the first week they stayed at the elegant Cairo Marriott Palace that was constructed to accommodate Empress Eugenie of France, wife of Napoleon III. She was the guest of honor at the inauguration celebrations of the Suez Canal. They had a great view of the Nile River from their 19th floor hotel room.

While staying in Cairo they visited the famous Cairo Egyptian Museum that houses over 1,700 fabulous items buried with King Tutankhamen. They enjoyed a "home hosted dinner" with a family who lived there and also enjoyed a day at the awesome pyramids and Sphinx where Jim had his picture taken on a camel. They then took a side trip to Sakkara to visit the oldest pyramid in the world and one of many carpet schools, where teenagers are learning the trade. They had the opportunity to attend the famous Sound & Light Show at which time the pyramids and Sphinx are illuminated at night. After a 3-hour train ride, they enjoyed a day in Alexandria, the main port city on the Mediterranean Sea, and viewed their huge new library and lovely beaches.

They took an informative tour called "Spiritual Cairo" during which time they visited a Christian Church, a Jewish Temple and several mosques. They viewed thousands of domes and minarets in the cities and villages. They learned how the three religions are practiced side by side. They then visited the largest bazaar and learned how to bargain, which is a national pastime.

On day 7 of their trip, they flew from Cairo to Aswan where they viewed the Aswan High Dam, Lake Nasser, the old Dam built by the British. They boarded the ship "River Anuket", their home for the next 8 nights. One of the trip highlights was to fly to and from the excursion to Abu Simbel. The two temples were built by Egypt's great Pharaoh Ramses, Egypt's longest-ruling king.

They also visited the Philae Temple, the Temple of Kom Ombo, Edfu's Temple of Horus, and the famous Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens, the Temple of Denera, the enormous temple complex of Karnak, an animal hospital, a perfumery and a spice market. They sailed on the famous Feluccas sail boats and spent 2 full days cruising on the Nile River.

They were impressed with the great service, food and attention to Jim. They truly felt safe since the busses had police escorts and each bus had a Special Service Agent, in a suit, with a Uzi hidden under his jacket.

As you can see they had a great trip and recommend a trip to Egypt for everyone.

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Membership

Membership is open to anyone with a sincere interest in the cultural past of Florida and who is dedicated to the understanding and preservation of that heritage

Amateurs, professionals and concerned citizens are welcomed as members. Membership is yearly and begins in the month of dues receipt. Contact Membership Secretary, CGCAS, P.O. Box 340705, Tampa, FL 33694.

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